(iv) In a bid to give increased autonomy to the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited, the Government has decided to delegate powers exercised by CIL relating to procurement of all items except explosives to the coal producing subsidiaries. Further it has been decided to completely delegate power relatiang to marketing in the non-core sector to MCL, WCL and SECL. The issue of restructuring of CIL is being looked into by an Expert Committee constituted by the Government.

(v) Ministry of Coal has communicated to the Department of Consumer Affairs its in principle agreement to the deletion of coal from the list of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

(vi) A pilot study to generate sufficient data for gradation of coal on the basis of gross calorific value has been entrusted to the Central Fuel Research Institute.

(vii) As far as the nationalized coal sector is concerned, the coal companies seek exemptions under the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Development) Act for certain activities of coal mining on case to case basis from time to time.

(viii) Presently no proposal for making coal linkages tradable by power plants is under consideration.

Revival of Bharat Coking and Eastern Coalfields

614. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to revive the Bharat Coking and Eastern Coalfields;

(b) if so, the details of the revival package and its funding; and

(c) what is the proposed production target for both the companies after their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) have been referred to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as sick industrial companies under Section 15 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act,

1985. Revival Plants of ECL and BCCL were submitted to the BIFR. While the revival plan of ECL has been finalized by the BIFR, the revival plan of BCCL is yet to be finalized by them. The revival plan of ECL among other things, seeks to augment underground and opencast production, outsourcing of 17 small Open Cast patches, waiver of unsecured loan of Rs. 519 crores, conversasion of current account balance of Rs. 1532 crores into equity by CIL with back to back support from Government of India. The revival plan of BCCL *inter-alia* seeks to augment production through implementation of some quick yielding Open Cast projects, replacement of old equipment, modernization of under ground mines and implementation of at least one Mega Project. In case of ECL the estimated capital investment to achieve the targeted production of coal as mentioned in the Revival Plan is Rs. 2956.83 crores during the period from 2003-04 to 2012-13. The company will earn a profit before tax of Rs. 330 crores at the end of 2008-09 and will have a positive net-worth at Rs. 27.84 crores in 2008-09. In case of BCCL an aggregate financial support of Rs. 5805 crores is envisaged. The net-worth of the company will be positive by Rs. 33 crores at the end of the year 2010-11. While substantial portion of the funding as envisaged in the revival plan will be done by Coal India Limited the remaining balance is sought to be provided as back-to-back support by Government of India to CIL.

(c) The production targets of ECL after revival of the company as envisaged in the revival plan are 39.85 million tones in 2009-10 and 41.70 million tonnes in 2012-13 whereas the production target of BCCL after revival of the company is 38.6 millin tonnes.

Expert committee for coal industry

615. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an eight member expert committee for recommending a road map for the coal sector and restructuring of CIL;

(b) if so, the details of the terms of reference thereof; and

(c) by when the committee would submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have set up a